



Forest Certification: From the Woods to the Mills & Beyond

August 6, 2015 - Prattville, Alabama
Grand Oak Room, Marriott Legends

Resource Professionals,

The Alabama Forestry Commission recognizes that voluntary participation in forest certification is growing in the southern United States and that forest managers and forest industry representatives should have access to current information on these programs. As a result, the Commission is organizing and hosting a one day workshop for industry foresters and representatives, managers of wood using mills, procurement foresters, wood buyers and dealers, consultant foresters, loggers and others involved in the management, procurement and utilization of forest resources in Alabama. This workshop will be held in Prattville, Alabama on **August 6th** in the Grand Oak Room at the **Marriott Legends Hotel and Conference Center**. More information can be found in the agenda and maps located within this document. We encourage you to attend this workshop and hope that this information on forest certification will be useful and timely.

The workshop is divided between a morning and afternoon session. The morning session will focus on the current status of the major certification systems in North America and the process involved in group certification for each of those systems. The afternoon session will cover chain of custody and certified forest product labeling. The workshop does qualify for **continuing education credits** for foresters and loggers, and certificates will be available for both after the conclusion of the afternoon session.

The deadline for registering is July 28, 2015. Space is limited so register early. Lunch is on your own, and there are numerous options within close proximity to the meeting location. Breaks are included with your registration fee and will be provided on site.

If you would like more information about this event, the AFC point of contact is Bethany Elliott. Bethany can be reached by email at bethany.elliott@forestry.alabama.gov; or by calling (334) 240-9334.

Sincerely,

Allen Varner

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Alabama Forestry Commission

Agenda

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Morning Session

- 8:00 a.m. Registration
- 8:45 Welcome and Introductions
Allen Varner, Stewardship Coordinator, Alabama Forestry Commission
- 9:00 Forest Certification Status and Overview
Dr. Jeff Stringer, University of Kentucky
- 10:00 American Tree Farm System – Group Certification
David Ford, Chairman, AFF Certification Committee
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 Sustainable Forestry Initiative – Group Certification
Barry Graden, Southeast U. S. Community Outreach
- 11:15 Forest Stewardship Council – Group Certification/Small & Low Intensity Managed Forests
John Auel, Forest Stewardship Council Auditor
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:15 Chain of Custody
Dr. Jeff Stringer, University of Kentucky
- 2:15 Break
- 2:30 Sustainable Forestry Initiative – Labels for Forest Products
Barry Graden, Southeast U. S. Community Outreach
- 3:00 Forest Stewardship Council – Stepwise Approach to FSC Certification
John Auel, Forest Stewardship Council Auditor
- 3:45 The Westervelt Experience
Sam Hopkins, Manager, Sustainable Forestry, The Westervelt Company
- 4:30 Final Questions and Closing Remarks

Registration

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Seating is limited - pre-registration deadline is July 28, 2015.

Register online for the Prattville workshop at <http://forestcert2015.eventbrite.com> or mail this form and the registration fee to: Cawaco RC&D, 2112 11th Avenue South, Suite 541, Birmingham, AL 35205. You can also register by fax at 205-325-1540.

Marriott Legends, Prattville Workshop

Name: _____

Organization/Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Registration fee - \$45

Method of Payment

Check *Payable To: Cawaco RC&D*

Credit Card (*Circle one*) VISA/ Mastercard

Credit Card No. _____

Exp. Date: _____

Security Code (3 digit # on back of card) _____

Signature _____

***** CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS *****

- 6 hours - Registered Foresters
- 6 hours - Professional Logging Manager

DIRECTIONS TO Marriott Legends, Prattville:

GPS: Enter **2500 Legends Circle, Prattville, AL 36066** in order to get the correct driving directions.

Take Interstate 65 to exit 179 for Cobbs Ford Road. Travel west approximately one half mile to the third traffic light and turn left onto Highway 82. The hotel entrance is one quarter mile on the left.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Quick link to Marriott Legends, Prattville <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mgmmm-montgomery-marriott-prattville-hotel-and-conf-ctr-at-capitol-hill/>

Phone: (334) 290-1235





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